

HEARING AIDS—FITTERS AND DISPENSERS—  
CONTINUING EDUCATION

CHAPTER 611

S. B. No. 901

AN ACT

relating to regulation of the fitting and dispensing of hearing aids; amending Chapter 366, Acts of the 61st Legislature, Regular Session, 1969 (Article 4566-1.04, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), by adding Subsection (i) to Section 4 and by amending Section 13.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1.      Section 4, Chapter 366, Acts of the 61st Legislature, Regular Session, 1969 (Article 4566-1.04, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding<sup>71</sup>Subsection (i) to read as follows:

"(i) The Board by rule shall adopt requirements for the continuing education of licensees under this Act in subjects pertaining to the fitting and dispensing of hearing aids. The Board by rule may approve specific courses of instruction or establish minimum content requirements of courses of continuing professional education and provide programs for continuing education."

SECTION 2.      Section 13, Chapter 366, Acts of the 61st Legislature, Regular Session, 1969, as amended (Article 4566-1.13, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended<sup>72</sup> to read as follows:

"Section 13. (a) Each license to fit and dispense hearing aids shall be issued for the term of one year and shall, unless suspended or revoked, be renewed annually on September 1 on payment of the renewal fee.

71. Vernon's Ann.Civ.St. art. 4566-1.04, subsec. (i).      72. Vernon's Ann.Civ.St. art. 4566-1.13.

"(b) A person may renew his unexpired license by paying to the Board before the expiration date of the license the required renewal fee.

"(c) If a person's license has been expired for not more than 90 days, the person may renew the license by paying to the Board the required renewal fee and a fee that is one-half of the examination fee for the license.

"(d) If a person's license has been expired for more than 90 days but less than two years, the person may renew the license by paying to the Board all unpaid renewal fees and a fee that is equal to the examination fee for the license.

"(e) If a person's license has been expired for two years or more, the person may not renew the license. The person may obtain a new license by submitting to reexamination and complying with the requirements and procedures for obtaining an original license.

"(f) Before a license can be renewed, the Board shall require certification that all testing equipment, both portable and stationary, used by the licensee has been calibrated within one year prior to the renewal date.

"(g) Before a license can be renewed, a licensee must demonstrate compliance with the requirements of continuing education established by the Board under Subsection (i) of Section 4 of this Act.

"On written request, the Board shall provide an alternative mechanism for meeting the continuing education requirement through examination.

"The Board may waive compliance with the continuing education requirement for license renewal in an individual case upon evidence of hardship or inability to meet the requirement. The waiver may be granted after review by the Board on an annual basis.

"(h) Fitting and dispensing hearing aids without an annual renewal certificate for the current year as provided herein shall have the same force and effect and be subject to the same penalties as fitting and dispensing hearing aids without a license.

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"(1) ~~{h}~~ The Board shall issue a duplicate license to any licensee whose license has been lost or destroyed and the Board shall have the authority to prescribe the procedure and requirements for the issuance of the duplicate license."

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, except for Section 2 which shall take effect on September 1, 1984, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on April 28, 1983: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House on May 20, 1983, by a non-record vote.

Approved June 19, 1983.

Effective Aug. 29, 1983, 90 days after date of adjournment, except § 2 effective Sept. 1, 1984.

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## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES—CITIES AND COUNTIES —MUTUAL ASSISTANCE

### CHAPTER 612<sup>73</sup>

S. B. No. 906

AN ACT

relating to mutual assistance among cities and counties in the provision of emergency medical services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. On request, a county shall provide emergency medical services for a city within that county or for a county bordering that county if:

(1) an agreement has been executed between the county and the requesting city or county;

73. Vernon's Ann.Civ.St. art. 4447o-1, §§ 1, 2.

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